

GUARANTEES MAY BE SUSPENDED

President Gomez Sends Message to Congress Asking Permission.

CRUCIAL MOMENT ARRIVES

He Is Determined to Quell Rebellion Among the Negroes.

Havana, June 3.—President Gomez sent a message to Congress this afternoon requesting the passage of a law empowering him to suspend the constitutional guarantees, either through the republic or in such portion of the island as he may consider necessary. No action was taken in consequence of the lack of a quorum, but the message was referred to a committee, and a special session called for tomorrow to discuss the momentous measure, which, it is believed, marks the crucial moment in dealing with the insurrection.

The president's action was taken in accordance with urgent recommendations of General Montenegro, the commander-in-chief, now at Santiago, during a long conference by telegraph, in which Montenegro declared it is absolutely necessary to suspend the guarantees to prevent co-operation of negro conspirators with those actually in arms. The general says the severest measures to strike terror into the colored race are essential, and intends to pursue the rebels mercilessly and deal summarily with all suspected of aiding the insurgents, should the suspension of the guarantees be authorized, which appears practically certain.

The next step likely will be recourse to a rigorous policy of reconcentration throughout Oriente to prevent re-entrance from joining the insurgent columns, and also denying the country the means of subsistence to the rebels and cutting off their sources of information regarding movements of regular troops.

A grave disturbance of public order, which threatens the peace of the nation," according to President Gomez, compelled him to request Congress to pass a law authorizing him to suspend the constitutional guarantees. He further points out the necessity of putting an end to the armed insurrection to avoid the danger of foreign complications.

The Dominican General, Victoriano Lopez, arrived today at Havana from Puerto Plata. He and his companions were immediately arrested on a suspicion that they intended to aid the insurgents.

General Mendota reports skirmishing recently around La Gloria, where there are upwards of 2,000 rebels. At Hialeah there are about 1,000 rebels, with still another corps of 800 not far distant. Skirmishing continues in the region between San Luis, Guanajuato and Santiago, but no important results have been achieved. General Montenegro evidently is not yet prepared for a general forward decisive movement, although he insists that he does not need further reinforcements.

There does not seem to be any probability of serious fighting in the next few days, but the news of the President's request for permission to suspend the constitutional guarantees has caused a profound sensation as indicative of the extreme gravity of the situation. In Santiago conditions appear to be growing hourly more critical. At Havana there is a feeling of grave apprehension, the result of persistent rumors of a possible negro uprising. Many Americans in Havana province are taking refuge in the capital.

Except in Oriente, order prevails, but it is known that there are small parties of insurgents roaming about in Santa Clara province. Additional government reinforcements have been sent from Santiago to guard the mines at Maniquiri.

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News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau.
The Times-Dispatch, 1009 Hull Street, Phone Madison 175.

Judge E. H. Wells will tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Hustings Court, Part 2, appoint a condemnation committee to act in the proceedings recently instituted by the city of Richmond against Charles T. Jones and others.

The property involved is a strip just north of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad tracks, and is required to widen Hull Street, which at that point is scarcely wide enough to allow two teams to pass in safety. This block is one of the most important in the city. All wagons going to and from Swanboro and Chesterfield county pass over it. On Saturdays it is frequently blocked by teams being caught between the curb and a deep ditch on one side, protected by a timber rail fence, has caused several accidents.

The Virginia Railway and Power Company, it is said by property owners, will double track its line running from the railroad crossing to the head of Hull Street. At present it is simply running a shuttle service to Swanboro.

Carter Purchases Store.
W. J. Carter yesterday closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of the building now occupied by Tunstall Brothers. Mr. Carter several weeks ago purchased one-half of the building, which

was owned jointly by R. C. Broadbush and P. B. Tunstall. The other half was transferred by yesterday's sale. The whole cost was \$2,000.

Mr. Carter will move his drug business from the present location to his new property in a few days. Tunstall Brothers, who are now occupying the store, are moving to their new building, which has just been completed.

Other property transfers offered yesterday for registration in the Hustings Court, Part 2, are: M. H. Omohundro, special commissioner, to Robert W. Mayo, for a consideration of \$500, a piece of property on the northwest corner of Old Dominion Street near Holly. This was sold under order of the court in the chancery suit of Sutton against Mandelbaum. It has a frontage of thirty feet and a depth of 100 feet. The same property was transferred by Mr. Mayo to Lella Baugh for the same consideration.

Laying Gas Main.
Sixteen-inch pipe, which will be used as the gas main for the Southside, was yesterday placed on Hull Street. This line will join with the feed line which is coming across the new Mayo Bridge, and will supply the whole Southside. Branches will lead from it on every side street.

Ground has been broken on lower Decatur street for the gas line on that street, and pipe has been placed on all side streets preparatory to being put underground. The entire work will be under the supervision

COMPETITION

Is not good for Richmond, says the Virginia Railway & Power Company.

But the same interests have asked for, and secured, a franchise to sell light and power in Fredericksburg, in competition with a Company already doing business.

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M'DANIEL FAVORS NEW FRANCHISE

(Continued from First Page.)

on Church Hill, returning from their employment by a new walk in safety over the bridge.

Position of Viaduct.
"They say the viaduct ought to be free. Then why does not the Virginia Railway and Power Company give free passage over the rickety bridges going to Barton Heights and Highland Park? They say that a viaduct would have been built on Broad Street had a straight 5-cent fare been granted. Such a bridge would have ruined the old African First Baptist, with 600 members and the last baptizing not yet heard from, the largest membership, probably, of any colored church in the world. They have injured the Memorial Hospital, and would have come up to our church, an exceedingly objectionable thing. The viaduct is where it ought to be, and where it hurts nothing. I am informed reality values have increased on Church Hill because of it."

"Richmond should never sell her rights or endanger her liberties. This old city fought for four years to repel invasion. Will it now in the morning of the twentieth century, give exclusive franchises and monopolies to a company whose owner is a divorced man, and who lives in the North, merely investing his money in the South because he can get 16 or 18 percent on his investment, instead of the 4 or 5 percent he would receive at home?"

After the Nickels.
Alderman S. P. Cowardin was the other speaker on the franchise proposition. He made some caustic remarks. He told of a time when it was proposed to put a negro park close to his property, opposite Oakwood Cemetery. He then complained, he said, to President Nixon, and was told by the latter that Mr. Cowardin's inconvenience were not an affair of his and that his company was out for the nickels. "Then, when he wanted something," added the Alderman, "he sent for me and asked me for a favor. I don't know whether he is looking for me now or not, and I don't care. I propose to vote for the Richmond and Henrico franchise. I am for competition, and let the best one win."

A. S. Briggs and E. W. Miner were the speakers at the school investigation street. Mr. Briggs said the City School Board had persistently interfered with witnesses, and one member had tried to prevent his repetition of a conversation with his wife. A teacher, he asserted, had been embarrassed during the investigation by reflections on the grammatical construction of a paper she had prepared. "At the next meeting," he said, "that member ought to be made to apologize or resign."

The writing system, he was informed,

had been changed in the Richmond schools four times in eight years. He believed in progress, but wanted it conservatively brought about. He thought The Times-Dispatch and the News Leader had assumed the City School Board knew all there is to know about teaching—more than the teachers do.

Attempts Gag Hile.
Not content with their enormities, he said, the board has tried to gag the teachers by forbidding them to have an opinion, or, if they had one, to express it. He hoped the committee would decide for the best interest of the schools. "If it did not, the end has not yet come," he concluded.

The one institution which ought to be the home of liberal thought was being throttled in this enlightened age, said Mr. Miner. Teachers were not allowed to express their opinions.

Then he had some things to say about the State Board of Education. The city pays \$125,000 the year to the schools, and the State \$14,000, yet the State Board runs the schools. This body had seen fit to elect a city superintendent because he was a graduate of some big college. "We will return your recommendation," said the board to the city, according to Mr. Miner, "and will hand you this gentleman."

Cause of All Trouble.
"There is where all this school trouble began in Richmond," he said. "Other things have been the outgrowth of this election of a superintendent, because the people look upon all innovations as another underground move."

"Now, we can take our medicine, if we have been doing for some time. If the City School Board and the City School Superintendent will retire and allow the people to select their successors, all differences will be healed."

"I am afraid that the schools are conducted will turn out more nervous wrecks than good and useful people. There is too much dilatory work, including high kicking. For teaching such things we pay \$1,500 or \$2,000 the year, when, if we pay \$500 to a home teacher, we think it a big salary. Then the teacher must go to a summer normal, at an expense of \$55 or \$60, just to get a certificate."

Franchise Resolutions.
Following are the resolutions adopted by the meeting on the franchise question:

Whereas, the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company is seeking from the City Council of Richmond the right to sell light and power to its citizens, and also the right to extend its street railway lines into other sections of the city; and

Whereas, this company has given to the eastern portion of the city a viaduct over Marshall Street, a thing that had long been vainly demanded, and is now operating a first-class street railway; and

Whereas, we believe that it is to the best interest of the city that such public works should be constructed, giving increased facilities for employment to a great number of persons, causing the expenditure of large sums of money, and adding to the permanent taxable values of the city and State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this meeting, composed of citizens of the East End, desires to put itself upon record as favoring the granting of these franchises, and earnestly requests the Council to grant the privileges asked for, subject only to the usual proper reservations and conditions.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the clerk of the Council, clerk of the Committee on Streets and be published in the newspapers of the city.

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